Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice **Environment portfolio**

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Senator Urquhart asked:

- 1. Are the priority threatened species in the Strategy the species most likely to see their trajectories improve to 2020? Will the improvements in the species' prospects be due to the Strategy or were these trajectories already improving?
- 2. What happens if some or all of these species' trajectories don't improve to 2020, despite the strategy? What happens after 2020?

Answer:

- The priority species were identified through consultation with relevant targeted experts and by applying the principles for prioritisation that are formalised and published on pages 20 and 21 of the Threatened Species Strategy which is available at http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/threatened-speciesstrategy.
- 2. Everyone has a role to play and the actions in the Strategy will contribute to reversing species decline.